

What is claimed is:

1. A multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items, comprising:

a cooler body having a lid; and,

5 a basket connected with said cooler body for sliding between a fully extended position forming, with said cooler body, a basket cavity for storing and transporting items and a fully retracted position against said cooler body.

2. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 1 wherein

10 the fully retracted position includes said basket being substantially entirely collapsed against said cooler body and the basket cavity being substantially entirely nonexistent.

3. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 further

including a detent assembly connected with said cooler body and said basket to provide at

15 least one intermediate position between the fully retracted position and the fully extended position.

4. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 wherein

said cooler body includes at least first and second opposing side walls, a first front wall and

20 a bottom and said basket includes third and fourth side walls, a second front wall and a bottom wall, and wherein the third and fourth side walls slide in planes parallel to the first and second side walls, and the fully retracted position includes the second front wall being adjacent the first front wall.

5. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 1 further including track means for guiding said basket between the fully extended and fully retracted positions.

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6. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 5 wherein said track means includes at least one slot defined in one of said cooler body and said basket and includes at least one post sized and configured for sliding receipt within said at least one slot, said at least one post defined in the other of said cooler body and said basket.

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7. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 6 wherein there are two of said slots defined in opposing sides of said basket.

8. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 7 wherein there are two of said posts extending outwardly from opposing sides of said cooler body.

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9. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 8 wherein said posts are oblong-shaped.

10. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 5 wherein said track means includes said cooler body having a guide clip and said basket having a flange constrained to slide in a defined path by said guide clip.

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11. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 further including a cutting board sized and configured for support atop said basket in the fully extended position.

5           12. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 11 wherein said basket includes support means for holding said cutting board in a relatively stable position atop said basket.

10           13. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 further including a cutting board positionable atop said cooler body.

15           14. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 13 wherein the lid defines at least one recess sized and configured for complementary receipt of said cutting board.

            15. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 14 wherein the lid includes latching means for removably holding said cutting board in the at least one recess.

20           16. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 1 further including at least one accessory holding device attachable to said cooler body and configured for receipt and holding of various items.

17. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 16 wherein one of said cooler body and said accessory holding devices defines at least one aperture and the other of said cooler body and said accessory holding device defines a member sized and configured for receipt in said at least one aperture to removably connect  
5 said accessory holding device to said cooler body.

18. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 17 wherein said cooler body has a periphery and defines a plurality of apertures at the periphery, and wherein said accessory holding device includes an upper arm with a hook, the  
10 hook being the member sized and configured for receipt in one of the plurality of apertures.

19. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 18 wherein said cooler body defines a ledge, and said accessory holding device has a lower arm configured for engagement with the ledge to contribute to the removable connection of said  
15 accessory holding device with said cooler body.

20. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 17 wherein said basket has a periphery and defines a plurality of apertures at the periphery, and wherein said accessory holding device includes an upper arm with a hook, the hook being  
20 the member sized and configured for receipt in one of the plurality of apertures.

21. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 20 wherein said basket defines a ledge, and said accessory holding device has a lower arm

configured for engagement with the ledge to contribute to the removable connection of said accessory holding device with said basket.

22. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 16 further including connection means connected with said at least one accessory holding device and with at least one of said cooler body and said basket for removably connecting said at least one accessory holding device alongside of said at least one of said cooler body and said basket.

23. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 16 wherein said at least one accessory holding device includes a silverware container.

24. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 16 wherein said accessory holding device includes a rod holder including at least one tubular member with an a top end, the tubular member being open at its top end.

25. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 further including standard wheels having a first diameter and being rotatably connected to said cooler body.

26. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 25 further including all-terrain wheels configured for removably fixed connection to said standard wheels, the all-terrain wheels having a second diameter greater than the first diameter.

27. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 26 wherein the second diameter is at least twice the first diameter.

5 28. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 25 wherein each standard wheel defines keyholes and each all-terrain wheel has keyhooks sized and configured for removable locking engagement with the keyholes to coaxially connect one of said all-terrain wheels with one of said standard wheels.

10 29. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 2 further including a handle slidably connected with said basket for extension between a full-in, storage position and a full-out, transport position.

15 30. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 29 further including a detent assembly connected with said basket and said handle to provide at least one intermediate position between the full-in, storage position and the full-out, transport position.

20 31. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 30 further including standard wheels rotatably connected to said cooler body.

32. The multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items of claim 31 further including all-terrain wheels configured for removably fixed connection to said standard wheels.

5 33. A multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items, comprising:

a cooler body;

a container body connected with said cooler body to slide between a fully extended position forming, with said cooler body, a cavity for receiving items and a fully retracted position proximal said cooler body;

10 at least one accessory holding device for holding items; and,

connection means for removably connecting said at least one accessory holding device to one of said cooler body and said container body.

34. A multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting item of claim 33 further

15 including wheels rotatably connected with said cooler body.

35. A multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting item of claim 34 further

including a handle connected with said container body to slide between a full-in, storage position and a full-out, transport position.

20 36. A multipurpose cooler for storing and transporting items, comprising:

a cooler body having an insulated interior and an exterior;

a lid connected to said cooler body to permit selective access to the interior;

a container body having three walls and a bottom and being slidably connected to said cooler body to slide between a fully extended position defining, with said cooler body, a cavity for storing and transporting items and a fully retracted position wherein said cavity is substantially nonexistent.